

AUGUST BELMONT RESIGNS.

TROUBLE AMONG THE DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN JOCKEY CLUB.

Judge Monson, who has been Treasurer of the American Jockey Club for three years, has resigned his office. Mr. Belmont, who has been President of the club, has accepted the resignation of Judge Monson, and has appointed Mr. Witters as his successor.

Members of the American Jockey Club are in a state of anything but mild excitement over the resignation of Judge Monson, and the impending resignation of Judge Alonzo C. Monson, Treasurer, and L. L. Withers, director.

The meeting at which President Belmont resigned was held on Wednesday evening at the club-room on Madison avenue. The proceedings were unusually animated, but much reticence is maintained as to what was done and said.

It is known, however, that August Belmont, Alonzo C. Monson, William A. Duer, Leonard W. Jerome and John Hunter were elected directors, and that in consequence of what subsequently happened Mr. Belmont promptly tendered his resignation. Judge Monson and Mr. Witters also threatened to resign.

Mr. August Belmont was found by a World reporter in his Wall street office this morning.

"It is true I have resigned the Presidency of the American Jockey Club, which I have held for the past two years," he said.

"It is also true that owing to the composition of the new Board of Directors Judge Monson, who has been Treasurer since the club was formed, may follow me as Treasurer."

"I wish to say that I appointed the present directors myself under a proxy which I held as President of the club. All the five were members of the board except Mr. William A. Duer, who was appointed in the place of his deceased father-in-law, William B. Travers."

"The reason why I resigned is that the Jerome Park Villa Side Association, of whom the American Jockey Club leases Jerome Park, had for some time past urged upon me their desire and determination to have a new Treasurer in the place of Judge Monson, and as I thought that this was an unkind and ungenerous treatment of Judge Monson, I would not consent to his being forced out."

"Mr. Monson had given his services for over twenty years to the American Jockey Club without pay, and without him I do not think the club could have been able to live through the law against betting on the race-course, which was enforced against the club while betting was permitted at the Coney Island, Saratoga and other race-courses in the State."

"The villa side gentlemen said Judge Monson was not conciliatory and amiable enough and seemed determined to overthrow him. The senseless and ungenerous treatment of Judge Monson, and as I thought that this was an unkind and ungenerous treatment of Judge Monson, I would not consent to his being forced out."

"I do not know who will be the new President or the new Treasurer. It will be hard for them to get as good a Treasurer as Mr. Monson has been."

Mr. Leonard Jerome is in Europe, and at Mr. Withers's house The World reporter was told that gentleman was also out of town. Mr. William A. Duer was seen at his office in the Borsari building. He was very non-committal in regard to the club difficulty, and said he did not want to be interviewed.

When Mr. Belmont's statement was read to him, however, he denied the charges, and feeling against Judge Monson. That gentleman had been a good Treasurer, but he had held the office twenty-three years and a change was felt to be necessary.

No mention of Mr. Belmont's offered resignation appears on the club minutes of Wednesday's meeting, and it is said that efforts are being made to induce Mr. Belmont to withdraw it.

Athletes Amuse Their Friends.

ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 16.—The long-expected amateur minstrel and dramatic entertainment under the auspices of the Essex County Toboggan Club and the Staten Island and Manhattan Athletic clubs drew an audience that completely filled Music Hall.

The first part of the entertainment was a regular old-fashioned minstrel performance, which was well executed by the Staten Island club. The entertainment closed with a tableau representing the World of Sports, by all the clubs artistically arranged in a most effective manner.

Maine's New Governor Against Blaine.

PORTLAND, ME., Dec. 16.—S. S. Marble, President of the State Senate, a well-known anti-Blaine man, will succeed the late Gov. Pond as Chief Executive of Maine. A prominent Republican says that Gov. Marble will probably not be in the State for the nomination next year, but is quite likely to give his support to the Republican ticket of Augustus W. Thomas, Jr., of Portland.

Great Fight at Southwold, L. I.

SOUTHWOLD, L. I., Dec. 16.—C. L. Hallock called at Spurge's Hotel on Wednesday evening, got Spurge outside and knocked him down. Then Mr. Hallock and Mr. Spurge clinched and tumbled down, with Spurge on top. Hallock bit Spurge on the shoulder and kicked his head. Spurge had Hallock brought before Justice Hanson and wanted \$50 to settle. Hallock obtained stay of proceedings for five days.

Congressional Holidays.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The House has decided to adjourn on Thursday, Dec. 22, to Jan. 4.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS.

Patrick Brady, of 22, and Henry Wilson, of 53 Bowery, were arrested last night for trial in the Essex Market Police Court. It is more than stealing two plush hats and some clothes, valued at \$50, from Mrs. Minnie Paulsen, of 53 Division street.

The assignment of Robert J. Bechtler, Richard Healy and Thomas J. Conway, of the firm of Bechtler, Healy & Conway, to the firm of A. Braman, and the individual assignment of Richard Healy to William M. Conyns, were filed to-day in the County Clerk's office. No preferences are stated.

Except with her heavy slumbering repose most aggressively went to the flower, floating idly on the placid and mysterious Nile, for an art motive. But that Greece with her tinging quality and exquisite sense of the beautiful should borrow the motive from the hand of the Pharaoh and incorporate it into the most decorative features of her architecture seems strange. It is not strange that a student of archeology, with American keenness and push, should have discovered this fact.

The Curator of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the discoverer, and to-morrow night he will make the brilliant "find" the subject of his lecture in the Cooper Union Free Course. It will prove a very interesting theme.

BORDER BURIALS.

How a Funeral Procession Occasionally Develops into a Jacobite Chase.

Many of the border burials were pathetic in the extreme, but connected with some of them were circumstances so unexpected that their relation almost resolves itself into a kind of humor. One of the first funerals to occur at Great Bend, Kan., possessed unprecedented circumstances enough to make it humorous, if the unexpected is an attribute of humor.

An old and somewhat disliked man, Henry Turley by name, had been confined to his bed for several weeks by a disease which had been the work of the physicians who attended him. He seemed to grow steadily worse, and his death was hourly expected. Then the cold weather, which had continued for nearly a month, was broken by a few spring-like days. The citizens of the little settlement took Turley's case in hand and decided that, as his death was certain to occur in a few days at most, it was better to take advantage of the mild weather and dig a grave for him than to wait his death and the probable return of cold weather when grave-digging would be extremely difficult.

So the citizens of Great Bend, Kan., took advantage of the mild weather and dig a grave for him than to wait his death and the probable return of cold weather when grave-digging would be extremely difficult.

The pleasant weather was soon followed by a severe storm of snow and sleet. During the first night of the blizzard a bibulosity inclined attorney, Godfrey by name, being his name, was in an advanced state of intoxication, lay out all night in the snow. Two days later he died from the effects of his freezing.

His relatives were telegraphed to, and responded that they would come immediately. The storm increased in violence, and, lasting nearly a week, blocked the avenues of travel in every direction.

Godfrey's death nearly the entire male population of the settlement congregated at the combined post-office, saloon, grocery, etc., to "swap" stories, crack jokes and imbibe whiskey. The old hands were pretty well warmed up, the subject of Turley's shameful deception and unoccupied grave was freely discussed. It was decided that as the weather was so bad, the mourners jumped from the wagon and aided the horsemen and dog in chasing the rabbit.

The grave was reached and found to be partially filled with snow. Then another dog, named "Bully," was seen. The dog was very tame, and differed but little from the one in the coffin except that the latter was dead, proposed, as there was no minister of the gospel present, to do his best to deliver a funeral oration. He had hardly got more than well started when some one shouted that the dog had started another rabbit.

Away went horsemen, footmen and dog, leaving tracks, coffin and corpse to take care of themselves. The chase was a particularly long and exciting one, as the dog, which was named "Bully," was very tame, and differed but little from the one in the coffin except that the latter was dead, proposed, as there was no minister of the gospel present, to do his best to deliver a funeral oration.

Left to themselves, the team got tired of standing in the storm and ran away towards town. When the storm passed, the coffin was found to have been buried in the snow. The dog had filled the grave and obliterated the wagon tracks. As the cemetery consisted of only that one grave and had no other marks to distinguish it from the rest, the coffin was buried in the snow. The dog had filled the grave and obliterated the wagon tracks.

The relatives arrived and took the body East with them, and Turley's grave was unfilled till a cow broke her leg by falling into the pit. The grave was then pronounced a public nuisance and filled up with dirt.

BYRNES'S PLEA OF DEFENSE.

Claiming that Timothy Whalen's Death Was Due to Careless Nursing.

The trial of Joseph Byrnes, for the murder of Timothy Whalen last May, was resumed this morning in the Court of General Sessions before Judge Cowing. Whalen was a saloon-keeper at 609 Greenwich street.

On the night of the assault he was shutting up his shop when Byrnes came in and stumbled against him. In the subsequent quarrel Whalen was stabbed in the abdomen.

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REV. MR. HAMMOND CAPTURED.

ARREST OF ONE OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS MEN IN THE COUNTRY.

A Clever Adventurer, Capable of Assuming Any Disguise that Best Suits His Character of a Swindler—He Was Followed and Picked Up on and Where He Picked Up.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—A despatch received in this city announces the capture in Fulton County of one of the most clever and notorious toughs in the country.

Rev. Wm. Hammond is an adventurer who assumes any role that for the time being seems to best serve his designs. He is a preacher, doctor, lawyer, biologist and all-round confidence man and has been guilty of much more serious crimes.

He has belonged to the Masons, Odd-Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Sons of Temperance, and has been expelled from all of them. He has been a preacher in the Methodist, Presbyterian and Unitarian Churches, also a Catholic priest.

He got \$1,000 out of a Mr. Jackson, of Savannah, Ga., by playing Mason and Odd-Fellow. It was for a piece of land that Jackson discovered had no existence.

He lived in California a few years ago, where he was a preacher. He married a member of his flock, placed \$1,000 insurance on her life, and soon after this she died suddenly.

He got her buried without exciting any suspicion, collected the insurance money and left at once. He next turned up at Indian Valley, Ind., where he married another woman. He also placed an insurance on her life.

SOME OLD VIOLINS.

A Nicolas Amati in a Collection of Fiddles on the East Side.

While wandering along on the east side, the attention of a World reporter was attracted by the sound of a violin. The quality of the tone was remarkable. It was large, rich, palpitating with feeling and of honeyed sweetness.

The reporter entered the house whence the music came, scaled the stairs and following the sound, went into a room on the second floor. It was bare of carpet or rug. Three or four dozen violins were systematically lined up on the wall, showing as many shades of brown as a collection of well-colored mushrooms. Other shells unvarnished lay upon the mantel. Half a dozen bottles filled with a brown liquid stood on a shelf. A music-stand had a volume of musical compositions lying open upon it.

In the centre of the room was a German, thirty years of age, playing on a violin. His hair was turned to the door. The glorious volume of sound filled the poor, quaint room with sweet tones. Not that the player was a Saratoga or a Joachim. He could not equal the great masters, but he played with feeling and power.

Inquiry developed the fact that the young man, who was named "Ned," a Leipzig violin maker, who came to New York four years ago. He deals in old Cremonese and Mantuan. The instrument he had in his hand was, he said, a Nicolas Amati, the oldest of the three Amati brothers, who rivalled the great Stradivari as a maker of peerless violins. The instruments of Nicolas are prized more than those of his brothers, Andrea and Hieronymo.

The young man took up several others and played upon them. One was a Jacob Stainer, which he said was the best of his collection. He had no Stradivari in his collection. "They cost too much," he said simply.

The violin-player intended to give lessons in New York and to sell his old instruments when he can.

A LIVELY STRIKE PROBABLE.

The Disappointed Drivers and Stables Men Go Out Next Tuesday.

Several of the leading liverymen having declined to grant the demands of their drivers and stablemen for increased wages and shorter hours of work, a strike is again threatened.

The drivers want an increase of \$2 a week each. They are now receiving \$12 a week each. Stablemen want \$12 a week each, their present wage being \$10. All hands demand ten hours a day's work.

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DOCKSTADER'S AS A SCHOOL-HOUSE.

How the Manager Evaded Mr. Gerry's Mandate and Had Some Fun.

Law Dockstader is nothing if not cute, and when he and Abe Hummel put their heads together they can evolve something unique in the line of smartness. They were clever enough yesterday to put up a scheme whereby Master Weinstein played as usual in Dockstader's Theatre last night, the Madrigal Boys sang as sweetly, and as Law and Abe hummed put their heads together they can evolve something unique in the line of smartness.

This was the Dockstader School: Pedagogy, Arthur Moreland; scholars, Master Albert Weinstein and the Madrigal Boys. The school was opened by the usual breakdown. The entertainment will close here and Mr. Dockstader, who is desirous of advancing the education of Albert Weinstein and the Madrigal Boys, will open a school for the tuition of these boys in history, geography, politics and other necessary accomplishments. Those interested in the instruction of such knowledge are respectfully invited to attend. School will begin now.

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HORNS LOCKED FAST.

Blaine Men and Ohio Men Booming Their Favorites.

Second Day of the Convention Opened with Lively Scenes.

SENATOR EVARTS PERMANENT CHAIRMAN.

Delegates Whooping It Up at Every Opportunity—Great Shouting Done for the Man From Maine—Sherman's Friends Cheer Also—Former Not Forgotten—A Squabble Among the New Yorkers—Bloody Shirts Resolutions About Lamar.

Despite the precautions taken to avoid all consideration of candidates for 1888, and for the promotion of harmony in the great work which the clubs propose to do—the salvation of the Goue Out Party—the contest between Blaine, of Maine, and Sherman, of Ohio, fairly and distinctly outlined itself.

Blaine and Sherman could not be kept out of the conflicting minds of any gathering of Republicans any more than Mr. Dick could keep the head of Charles I. out of his "memoirs."

The selection of a temporary President brought it about, despite the efforts of the managers of this love-feast.

The committee did nicely. Recognizing that barring his own remotely possible candidacy, Senator Evans, who was about ready upon for permanent chairman, is a "Blaine man," they amicably balanced that seeming boom for James G. by naming Daniel J. Ryan, President of the Republican State Committee, as chairman of the temporary committee.

The only other candidate that had been thought of was a Michigan, Col. John A. McKinstry. But good reason was given for the selection would make the convention look very side nillish for Blaine.

All this was very pretty and brotherly, but when Mr. Sherman's name was announced to the convention there was an uproar. The unexpected happened.

Col. Snowden, of Pennsylvania, jumped to his feet and with a protest against the attempt to force any man on the convention, and nominated Gen. Nathan Goff, of Virginia, a staunch follower of J. Gillespie Blaine.

There was wild excitement, shouts, hurrahs for Sherman, for Sherman, for Goff. On the vote the nominee of the committee got 159 votes and Gen. Goff polled 155, which, considering that Mr. Ryan had the prestige of the name, was a very fair result. The vote of forty-five New Yorkers, every one of whom is devoted to Blaine, was not much of a victory for John, of Ohio.

CAUCUSING LAST NIGHT.

Evidently Mr. Sherman's friends felt the sting and realized that the convention was not particularly in the interest of their leader at least, and as a result, there was much indignation among the adherents of Sherman last night, and loud threats were made that they would bolt Evans for permanent chairman to-day.

The line between the Blaine men and the Sherman men is distinctly drawn to-day, and it would not be very long before the hair the wrong way to get up a first-rate fight between the two factions.

TROUBLE OVER THE RESOLUTIONS.

The fight came up again unexpectedly last evening at the meeting of the Committee on Resolutions, the Republican Club in Twenty-ninth street.

John A. Kasson, of Iowa, who is set down as a Blaine man, was selected for chairman of the committee on resolutions. Mr. Kasson, the Blaine's right bower, emboldened by his seeming victory, insisted that Blaine's views on the tariff question, as expressed in his Paris interview, on President Cleveland's move to adopt the tariff, be the basis of the convention. He was met by an opposition unlooked for by the Sherman men.

The Ohio men advocated the adoption of a set of resolutions that would not stand the question of the tariff. The Ohio men advocated the adoption of a set of resolutions that would not stand the question of the tariff.

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SCENE AT SHEEHY'S TRIAL.

HIS SOLICITOR PUBLICLY CALLS A WITNESS A PERJURER.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE WORLD.)

DUBLIN, Dec. 16.—A sensation was caused in court yesterday at the trial of Mr. Sheehy, M. P. Mr. Sheehy's solicitor sprang to his feet and excitedly called an opposing witness a perjurer, declaring that the witness answered questions according to directions from the magistrates. The court immediately adjourned, to consider how to deal with the solicitor's contempt.

AN EXAMPLE FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

Lord Rosebery's Interesting Speech at Raddersford on Irish Home Rule.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE WORLD.)

LONDON, Dec. 16.—In Lord Rosebery's Home Rule speech at Raddersford last night he said that the United States Government would never agree to coercing one of their number, knowing full well that such action would provoke a civil war. Great Britain in governing Ireland should note this worthy example.

Lord Rosebery does not think Mr. Chamberlain will succeed in his efforts to settle the fisheries dispute, owing to the strength of the Irish vote in the United States. "We have planted enemies in America through our policy," he says, "and the only way to secure success is to make them friends."

Examining the Crown Prince's Throat.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE WORLD.)

SAN REMO, Dec. 16.—Dr. Mackenzie arrived here last night and immediately visited the Crown Prince. After an examination of the Prince's throat the doctor declared that he found no dangerous symptoms.

TOLD AT HEADQUARTERS.

Good Stories Told of Members of the Police Department.

HERE are several interesting and humorous traditions connected with Police Headquarters and its leading spirits. When Mr. Matthews was in the Board, a reporter called upon him to secure a piece of contraband news. After a shrewd cross-examination, a coveted item was obtained, but on second consideration, Mr. Matthews insisted that it should not be given to the public.

The rheumatic Commissioner, at the time was taking a mild application of electricity from a galvanic battery, and he persuaded the reporter to test its efficacy. No sooner had the inquisitive reporter placed his hands upon the instrument, than Mr. Matthews turned on its full power, so electrifying the newsmonger that he fell into a swoon, and he lay loose. In the midst of this exciting scene the Commissioner remarked:

"Concerning that contraband information I gave to you, do you still persist in publishing it?"

"No—O—oh," shouted the gyrating reporter.

He was released from the power of the galvanic shock and Matthews was avenged.

Gen. "Baldy" Smith quarrelled with a headquarters reporter and had an order issued forbidding the newspaper from entering the big white building. The reporter was his time, bought a large green parrot and taught it to speak very disrespectfully of the General. The windows of the two men faced each other, and the parrot, who was very tame, was kept on during the hot spell. One bright day while the General was entertaining some friends in his private room, his ears tingled as he heard some fiend shouting continually:

"Baldy Smith, you old son of a gun!"

He sent his special officer out to ascertain who was insulting the dignity of a Police Commissioner and his feelings may be judged when he was informed that it was a trained parrot suspended from the window of his journalistic enemy. He ordered all the windows to be closed, but the parrot was inescapable that he promptly countermanded the order. The parrot, shouting again:

"Baldy Smith, you old son of a gun!"

The General finally capitulated and sent for the aggrieved reporter, apologized for what had been said and done and the parrot was sent elsewhere.

Ex-Senator Fair to Visit New York.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Ex-Senator James Fair left yesterday by the Central Pacific Road for the East. He will go direct to New York where he has important business connected with the road, banking and other matters. Before his departure from the West (four weeks). Before his departure from the West (four weeks). Before his departure from the West (four weeks).